

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES, GREYSTONES ON TUESDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2017 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present: Councillor J. Whitmore, Cathaoirleach
Councillors T. Fortune, N. Lawless, G. McLoughlin, D. Mitchell & G. Walsh

Also Present: Mr. M. Nicholson, Greystones Municipal District Manager
Mr. R. O'Hanlon, Greystones Municipal District Engineer
Ms. M. Porter, Greystones Municipal District Administrator
Mr. E. Forristal, Executive Engineer, Greystones Municipal District
Ms. K. Coughlan, Greystones Municipal District

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor N. Lawless, seconded by Councillor T. Fortune and agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 31st January 2017, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2. PRESENTATION BY MS. LAURA ENGLISH, DISABILITY FEDERATION OF IRELAND

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Laura English from the Disability Federation of Ireland to the meeting. Ms. English circulated documentation that gave a background to the Federation's work and objectives and highlighted the situation in County Wicklow. She commended Wicklow County Council on being the only Council in the country to provide funding for the objectives of the Federation and she stated that she would be working two days per week in Wicklow. She pointed out that she hoped to empower disabled people and to give them a voice. She left her contact details with the members.

All the members welcomed Ms. English's employment in Wicklow and thanked her for her presentation. They wished her every success and offered to help her in any way they could.

3. BRAY HEAD SPECIAL AMENITY AREA ORDER DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Stephen Fox and Councillor Stephen Matthews from the SAAO Management Committee to the meeting. A copy of the Wicklow County Council Bray Head Special Amenity Area Order Draft Management Plan 2017 – 2021 had been circulated to the members with the agenda. Mr. Fox gave some background information and explained the process of the SAAO and he answered questions from the members in relation to same.

Following discussion it was agreed that Councillor Tom Fortune should represent the Greystones MD on the SAAO Management Committee. All the members commended the draft plan and thanked Mr. Fox and Cllr. Matthews for their presentation.

4. REPORT FROM GREYSTONES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT ENGINEER

The District Engineer circulated a report outlining recent works carried out in the district together with a map that showed the areas where road restoration works would be carried out in 2017. He answered queries from the members in relation to same.

Following discussion it was agreed to refer the following to Wicklow County Council for attention:

- Footpath at Lott Lane, Kilcoole
- Provision of double yellow lines in Delgany village
- Surveying of ramps in district and repairs to ramps in Kilcoole and on Church Lane Greystones.

The District Engineer informed the members that he had received options plans for Chapel Road, Delgany from the Consultants and it was agreed to discuss these in more detail after notices of motion and correspondence were discussed.

5. NOTICES OF MOTION:

- (a) Motion in the name of Councillors D. Mitchell & G. McLoughlin:
"The Council should temporarily lease an area for parking to the Greystones Medical practice and Pharmacy from the unused land surrounding that building".

The District Administrator informed the members that she had met with the pharmacist from the medical centre recently and explained that this proposal was not feasible. She pointed out that the County Council was actively marketing this land at present in conjunction with the IDA land. She stated that the Council provided two disabled parking spaces close to the entrance to the park and ride car park when the medical centre first opened. She stated that the Council provided facilities for all businesses in the district and could not be seen to be treating one business more favourably than the rest.

The District Manager informed the members that the Council would probably not allow the land to be leased, even temporarily, for parking purpose as there were adequate parking facilities across the road from the medical centre.

Following discussion the members suggested that the Council consider providing a pedestrian crossing at the medical centre. The District Engineer stated that there were proposals to look at all the junctions along Mill Road with a view to making them more pedestrian and cyclist friendly, and that this junction could be considered in light of that.

It was agreed to seek a meeting with the Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council at 12 noon, prior to the April County Council meeting on 3rd April, to get an update on the IDA and Council lands at Mill Road and on the Enterprise Centre for Charlesland.

(b) Motion in the names of Councillors G. McLoughlin & D. Mitchell:

“Regarding the entrance for Phase 2 of Farrankelly Social Housing, can Wicklow County Council explain the reasoning behind putting the entrance off this cul-de-sac section of Priory Road rather than having the entrance onto the Kilquade Road & allow the Greystones MD better input into the type of social housing and design of the project. This includes proper lighting around the estate and Priory Road”.

The District Engineer informed the members that it would be dangerous to have an entrance to the proposed new development at Farrankelly onto the Kilquade Road because of its alignment and the fact that the speed limit on it was 80 kph. He stated that the Priory Road cul de sac was ideally suited from a road safety point of view, as its junction with the Kilquade Road was designed to a high standard and it had a 30 kph speed limit. He pointed out that the Part 8 process for the development would give the members an opportunity to have an input into the design of the proposed development.

The District Manager informed the members that all Part 8 applications were also notified to the MD members before going on public display.

(c) Motion in the names of Councillors G. McLoughlin & D. Mitchell:

“That Wicklow County Council, as a matter of urgency, upgrades Delgany village roads and footpaths, signage etc. This upgrade should go ahead irrespective of plans for one way systems, purchasing land etc. The village needs attention immediately and cannot wait for long term plans”.

During discussion on this motion members expressed the view that Delgany village looked shabby and needed urgent interim works while waiting for progress on the long term plans for the area.

The District Engineer stated that he would look at improving the worst parts of the footpaths and implementing small parts of the overall plan.

As time was running out, it was agreed to defer notice of motion (d) to the March meeting as follows:

(d) Motion in the names of Councillors G. McLoughlin & D. Mitchell:

“Irrespective of the fact that Bellevue Lawns in Delgany was taken in charge in 1997 (and technically only roads taken in charge up to 2000) as per previous incidents, Wicklow County Council will mend the boundary wall to Laurel Grove and fence to the Carmelite Convent. This is a serious dangerous accident waiting to happen”.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1. The District Administrator stated that nine people from Holyhead would be travelling to Greystones for St. Patrick’s Day and that they would be invited to sit on the Reviewing Stand during the parade. She stated that she had received a request from a member of

the public that the MD should entertain them in some way. None of the members were available on the day.

2. The District Administrator informed the members that she had received an update from the County Council Housing Section on the Fairfield Park housing issue which she would circulate.
3. The District Administrator informed the members that she had received a request for funding from the Volunteer Centre. It was agreed that consideration on all funding requests would be deferred until the March meeting when it was likely that the Schedule of Municipal District Works would be discussed.
4. The District Administrator referred to an email, in relation to various issues, which had been received from a Mr. Anthony More O'Ferrall, and which had been circulated to the members. She stated that she had replied to Mr. More O'Ferrall directly in relation to his queries about parking and advised him to contact Irish Rail in relation to provision of a second DART station, extension of the DART service and provision of double tracks from Bray to Greystones.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. The District Administrator informed the members that additional stewards were needed for helping out with the St. Patrick's Day Parade on 17th March. She urged anyone willing to help out on the day to contact the office or any of the Councillors.
2. At the suggestion of Councillor G. McLoughlin it was agreed to send best wishes to Ms. Liz Hughes, former Traffic/Litter Warden who had moved to a new job with the Civil Service.
3. The District Engineer showed plans of the various options for NTA works on Chapel Road, Delgany and answered any questions from the members in relation to same.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SIGNED: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

CERTIFIED: _____
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

DATED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2017.